



REMARKS

1. Concerning paragraph 2 of the Apr. 17, 2000 Office Action, the Specification and Drawings have been carefully reviewed to correct inconsistencies between the Specification and Drawings including the numerals for various elements. It is believed all of the inconsistencies mentioned in paragraph 2 of the Office Action have now been corrected.

2. On information and belief, Figure 2G was sent with the Application Papers which were filed. However, since Fig. 2G was apparently not received with the application, another copy is included with the present Amendment.

3. Concerning paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Drawing correction sheets are attached to correct the informalities in the Drawings mentioned by the Examiner. It is urged that the Drawings are now satisfactory.

4. Concerning paragraph 4 of the Office Action, a new Abstract has been provided hereinabove which is greatly reduced in length and complies with the requirement of no more than 25 lines of text. It therefore is urged that the Abstract is now satisfactory.

5. Concerning paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the entire Specification and Claims have been reviewed and on information and belief, all of the indefinite language and typographical errors mentioned in paragraph 5 of the Specification and claims have been corrected. Also concerning paragraph 5 the correct number of U.S. Patent 4,058,286 has been corrected on page 15 of the Specification.

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In addition, instructions in the above amendment are included to renumber the Specification sequentially beginning with the first page, after the title page, which is not numbered. Misnumbered claims 43 to 49 have been corrected as Claims 42 to 48. In addition, changes have been made in the present Amendment to reflect this change in the numbering of Claims 42-48.

7. Concerning Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Office Action, extensive amendments have been provided hereinabove to make the requested corrections. It is believed that the claims have been amended to overcome all of the informalities listed in paragraph 8. It is believed that after review of these changes to the Claims, the Examiner will agree that the present claims are now free from formal objections.

9. Concerning the rejection in paragraph 9 over Green U.S. Patent 2,475,089, under 35 USC 102, Claims 1 through 6 have been cancelled and new Claim 51 is submitted to take the place of previous Claims 1 through 6.

10. Green does not disclose means for varying the extent of horizontal movement of the trunnion assembly comprising at least one resilient, movable stop assembly and means for varying the extent of vertical movement of said trunnion assembly comprising at least one resilient stop assembly.

11. Jarvis U.S. Patent 4,338,852 discloses a resilient bumper stop assembly 50 for absorbing loads resulting from firing a gun 15. But Jarvis does not disclose means for varying the extent of horizontal movement of the trunnion assembly and means for

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varying the extent of vertical movement of said trunnion assembly, each comprising at least one resilient stop assembly. Since Jarvis gives no teaching or suggestion of a trunnion assembly in which means for varying both the horizontal movement of the trunnion assembly and the vertical movement of the trunnion assembly are provided, even if the teachings of Jarvis where combined with the teachings of Green, the claimed subject matter would not be taught or suggested.

12. Furthermore, with the present amendments to Claims 11 through 14 and Claims 17 to 45, it is believed that these claims are now clear and definite and define over the applied references. With the allowance of Claims 46 to 50 and the indication of allowability of Claims 9 and 10, with the above claim changes, all of the claims in the present application are believed to be allowable. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions about the application, she is urged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. A check for \$55.00 is attached for a one month extension of time to respond to the 4/17/2000 Office

Action.

Respectfully submitted,


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